GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF TREES IN NDMC AREA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of trees in the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area fall/get uprooted every year during storms,heavy rainfall and are chopped due to concretisation of pavements and civil works;

(b) if so,the total number of trees which fell/got uprooted were chopped during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the health of trees in NDMC area;

(d) if so,the details thereof and the action taken on its findings;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent felling of trees,strengthening of the existing ones,planting of new saplings etc.;and

(f) if so,the details alongwith the number of new saplings planted during each of the last three years and the current year; if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Trees fall during storms and heavy rainfall.However,for carrying out civic works,etc. trees are cut only after getting prior permission from the concerned authorities.

(b): The total number of trees which fell during the last three years and the current year(up to September,2008) are as under:

Year	Number of trees fallen
2005-06	102
2006-07	138
2007-08	71
2088-09 (up to Septem -ber,2008)	62
Total	373

(c) & (d): Forest Research Institute Dehradun has been engaged as consultant for carrying out study on status of trees.The Institute has not submitted its final report.However,the scientists of the Institute have visited NDMC area are guided the field staff in protection

of trees as well as treatment of insects and fungal diseases.

(e) & (f): The steps taken by the New Delhi Municipal Council for improving health of trees include improvement of tree basins through regular change of soil and adding fertilizers;growth of ground covers;treatment of insect and fungal diseases;pruning for proper balance;removal of dangerous trees, etc.New Delhi Municipal Council has also informed that new saplings are planted in gaps created by wind fallen trees.The numbers of new saplings, including replacement plantation, planted during each of the last three years and the current year(upto September, 2008) are as under:

Year	Saplings
2005-06	15,213
2006-07	10,573
2007-08	20,411
2008-09 (up to September,2008)	18,915